

**Medicaid
ISSUE DOCKET**

Conference Committee on General Appropriations Bill
Conference Decisions as of May 16, 2019

Item	House	Senate	Conference Decisions				Explanation
			State Funds	All Funds	State Funds	All Funds	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (GOAL A)							
1. Rate Increases							
a. Rural Hospitals	✓		\$ 55,000,000	\$ 142,094,448	\$ 35,000,000	\$ 90,486,039	House includes funding for rural hospitals to increase inpatient rates. See also House Rider 13, page II-50
		✓	\$ 6,196,800	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 6,196,800	\$ 16,000,000	Senate includes funding to provide a \$500 add-on payment for labor and delivery services. See also Senate Rider 144, page II-93
b. Intermediate Care Facilities and Certain Waiver Providers	✓		\$ 84,000,000	\$ 216,938,200	\$ 31,665,000	\$ 81,864,012	House includes funding to rebase the reimbursement methodologies and to update the reimbursement methodology for facility-based community services. Funding is provided for private intermediate care facilities, the Home and Community-based Services waiver, and the Texas Home Living waiver. Amend rider. See also House Rider 137, page II-92
c. Consumer-directed Services	✓		\$ 3,907,925	\$ 11,200,000	\$ 3,907,925	\$ 11,200,000	House includes funding for consumer-directed services employers who will incur additional costs related to electronic visit verification. Adopt new rider related to contracting.

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2. Attendant Wage	✓		\$ 32,610,818	\$ 86,218,622	\$ 33,600,000	\$ 86,866,598	House includes funding to increase the base wages for community attendants. See also House Rider 119, page II-86
		✓	\$ 9,086,240	\$ 23,167,848	\$ 20,100,000	\$ 51,964,840	Senate includes funding to fully fund rate enhancement programs for community care and intellectual and developmental disabilities providers. See also Senate Rider 116, page II-83 and Rider 130, page II-87
3. Day Habilitation Services	✓		\$ 36,122,445	\$ 56,251,622	\$ -	\$ -	House includes funding to support the replacement of day habilitation services with individualized skills and socialization. Senate adds new rider to require HHSC to develop a plan to replace day habilitation services with more integrated services. See also Senate Rider 129, page II-87
4. Waiver Slots	✓		\$ 37,370,969	\$ 97,207,405	\$ -	\$ -	House includes funding for 2,746 Home and Community-based Services waiver slots for the Promoting Independence Initiative. See also House Rider 134, page II-91
		✓	\$ 24,792,919	\$ 66,661,790	\$ 24,792,919	\$ 66,661,790	Senate includes funding to reduce interest lists. Funding supports 60 Medically Dependent Children Program slots, 240 Community Living and Support Services slots, 1,320 Home and Community-based Services slots, and 8 Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities slots. See also Senate Rider 127, page II-86

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5. Services for Home and Community-based Services Waiver Recipients with High Medical Needs							
a. Medical	✓		\$ 6,565,540	\$ 16,740,286	\$ -	\$ -	- House includes funding for development of a high medical needs support service.
b. Dental	✓		\$ 1,414,693	\$ 3,512,608	\$ -	\$ -	- House includes funding for additional dental services, for certain clients, above the current cap.
6. Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	✓		\$ 8,457,140	\$ 21,580,432	\$ -	\$ -	- House includes funding to support cost growth and provide for three expansion sites.
7. Cost Containment		✓	\$ (350,000,000)	\$ (900,000,000)	\$ (350,000,000)	\$ (900,000,000)	Senate includes reduction associated with cost containment rider. See also Senate Rider 19, page II-52
8. Private Duty Nursing Rates					\$ 14,800,000	\$ 38,262,668	
9. Therapy Rates					\$ 19,023,880	\$ 49,119,234	
Conference Decisions					\$ (160,913,476)	\$ (407,574,819)	
Senate Funding			\$ (309,924,041)	\$ (794,170,362)			
House Funding			\$ 265,449,530	\$ 651,743,623			
Funding Difference			\$ (575,373,571)	\$ (1,445,913,985)			
Conference Decisions Above/(Below) Senate Funding					\$ 149,010,565	\$ 386,595,543	
Conference Decisions Above/(Below) House Funding					\$ (426,363,006)	\$ (1,059,318,442)	